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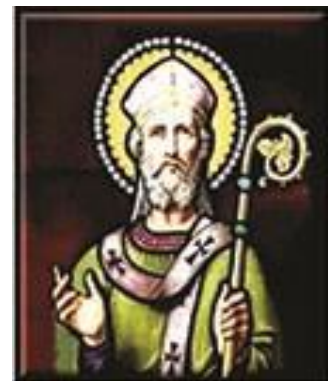
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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	11 November	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	11 November	9.15am	Alfons & Urszula Solujan (Foundation Mass); Joseph Kooroth RIP (Anniversary)
Our Lady	Monday	12 November	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Wednesday	14 November	6.00pm	William Bird (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Saturday	17 November	10.00am	Maureen & Frank Malone (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	18 November	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	18 November	9.15am	Peter Chau Nguyen, Teresa Luu Nguyen, Joseph Duong Nguyen RIP

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Sunday	11 November	11.00am	Service of Remembrance, Great Billing War Memorial
St Anselm	Tuesday	13 November	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition
Our Lady	Wednesday	14 November	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. November: Month of Prayer for all who have died.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. November: In Service of Peace. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Daniel 12:1-3, Ps 15:5.8-11.R.v1, Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark 13:24-32.

Next week's second collection: Sick & Retired Priests.

Please pray for our sick and elderly. Gillian Brockway, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Dennis Williams, Bob Standing, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson, Rae Dakin, Hazel Toolaram, baby Ellis and Angela Kingsley.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: "...From the little she had has put in everything..."

Among the many virtues that please Jesus Christ is humility. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 5:3) This is one of the Gospel passages that invite us to examine the depths of our hearts, to see where we find our security in life.

The story of the widow's mite demonstrates powerfully the virtue of humility and lowliness. Like Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mary, God looked upon the lowliness of the widow as she put in two small coins as her offering. This is a free and gratuitous love that validates, transforms and changes the deepest level of her faith. This is what we all desire and what we were created for. Today, many people perceive humility as a sign weakness or allowing others to take advantage of you, but a true humility means radical dependence on God.

The widow's humility is even more remarkable when she is compared with those who put "large sums" in the temple treasury. Many of these donors were probably giving the amount dictated by the law, yet it was still money they could spare. Despite their lukewarm contribution, they could go away satisfied with their contribution but failing to grasp how God wanted them to depend on him for everything. Meanwhile, the widow had the faith to believe that even if she gave God everything she had to live on, he would never let her down. He was worth everything she had, and she willingly placed herself in his hands.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the example of the poor widow demonstrates the importance of detachment from riches as a condition for entrance into the Kingdom of heaven. (CCC#2547) On Remembrance Day, Jesus reminds us to celebrate the many widows of the military men and the joy of the poor to whom the Kingdom already belongs. Let us ask God to make us more like this poor widow, humble and dependent on him, knowing that he alone can satisfy and fill our every need.

Remembrance Sunday Service. The annual service, which this year coincides with the Armistice Centenary, will take place at 11am today at the War Memorial in Great Billing.

Confirmation Preparation Programme. Those wishing to be confirmed in July 2019 should collect an Application Form from the back of the Church. The programme starts on Saturday 24 November and all the dates and venues are attached to the Application Form. Please complete and return the Application Form to Miriam Hague at the back of church after mass on Sunday 11 November. If you would like an electronic copy, please email frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk asking for the Application Form and Programme.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Open Days. Do you have a child starting school in September 2019? St Gregory's have a number of open days this month: Wednesday 14 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 6-7pm.

Cheese and Wine and a brilliant Bishop! On Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm in the hall at Sacred Heart, we are having an evening to hear short feedback from those who went from our parish to the 'Adoremus' conference in Liverpool in September - which was inspirational - and to watch a recording of a talk by Bishop Barron who was brilliant and really down to earth! We will follow this with a cheese and wine social so do put it in your diary - you won't be disappointed.

Parish Appeal for Mary's Meal. "For I was hungry and you gave me food" (Mathew 25:35).

A group called the Mary's Meals wishes to visit the Our Lady's shrine on Sunday 25 November to appeal for financial support. The main goal of Mary's Meals is "that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education." They believe that we can respond to the invitation of our blessed Lord, "For I was hungry and you gave me food" (Mathew 25:35) "By providing a daily meal in a place of learning. They are determined with your support to meet the immediate needs of hungry children and encourage them to go to school and gain an education which eventually will assist them in the future, to climb the ladder out of poverty." There are about 1,361,586 children now receiving Mary's Meals. We wish to have a retiring collection on Sunday 25 November after the 9.15 am Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support. For further information please contact; Visit: www.marysmeals.org.uk

Hope Centre. On 15 October the Hope Centre were given just 12 months' notice to vacate the day centre facility in Oasis House. The Day Centre is a place where the homeless and vulnerable of Northampton have come to know and trust. Individuals who use the service receive a fantastic service, and being asked to leave is already having a negative impact on many of those people we seek to support. The premises is to be converted into a relocated council night shelter: the decision was made without wider consultation. The Hope Centre are hoping they can get Northampton Borough Council to change their decision, made in conjunction with Midland Heart, asking them to find an alternative venue for the night shelter, rather than unnecessarily renovating a building which is already in use and supporting the homeless and others in need very effectively. To help them, you can do a number of things:

If you haven't already done so, please sign the petition in the porch or the one set up by their patron Sally Keeble at <https://www.change.org/p/midlands-heart-save-the-hope-centre>.

You can also send letters to the CEO of Northampton Borough Council, George Candler; Chief Executive of Midland Heart, Glenn Harris; and Chair of the Board of Midland Heart, John Edwards. A letter template should you wish to use it, can be found online at <http://northamptonhopecentre.org.uk/keep-hope-alive/>

Catholic Basics Course. Want to know more about your Faith? Join us for a basic introduction to the Catholic Faith in four parts: God, The Church, The Moral Life, Prayer. For each part there is a day of engaging teaching with opportunities for interaction and discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes a full lunch. No qualifications needed - just interest, good will and a sense of humour! Launch and Part I: 31 January 2019, 10am-3pm (arrive 9.30am for refreshments). NORES Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. To book, contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.

Vocation to the Priesthood. Northampton Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral from Friday 14 December – Sunday 16 December. If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Mark. Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood!

Beatitudes. Matthew 5:1-12. Saturday 24th November 10am-4pm at The Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Turvey MK43 8DH. The day will include talks, praise and worship and prayer ministry. Mass will be celebrated by Brother John. Suggested donation £10 (for the monks) pay on the day, no need to book. Refreshments will be provided, please bring a plate of food for a shared lunch. Please bring your bible. Further information Pat (Turvey) 01234 881617, or if you need a lift Mary (Hunsbury) 01604 762727. Kate (Towcester) 01327 8117. Please enter the Monastery at Jacks Lane by the speed camera, take the 1st drive on the left where someone will direct you to park. All welcome, bring a friend.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: There will be a meeting at 10am (after 9am Mass) on Saturday 17 November 2018 in the sacristy St. Gregory's Northampton, in order to set up a local SPUC branch in Northampton. Please contact William Currie on 01604 499833 or wpcurrie@btinternet.com if you are interested in attending or if unable to attend but would be interested in being involved in the future.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel: For those who are unsure of the words of the prayer to St Michael the Archangel. This is to be recited after every Mass:

**Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle;
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits
who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.**